

France

Country the US
tried to help
control Vietnam

Tet Offensive

1968 massive attack
by the Vietcong.
Caused the US
citizens to turn
against the war

War Powers Act

Put in place to limit the
president's power.
Required the pres. to
notify congress within
48 hours of sending
troops into hostile areas

Johnson

President
sending the first
combat forces to
Vietnam

Vietnamization

Nixon's plan to get the US out of Vietnam - slowly remove troops and work for a "peace with honor"

John F. Kennedy

Sent financial support and troops to train forces to Vietnam

Nixon

President that removed combat forces from Vietnam

Draft

Process of increasing the number of men in the military.

Westmoreland

Commanded
the US troops
in Vietnam

Tonkin
Gulf
Resolution

Passed by
Congress allowing
Johnson to get the
US involved in
Vietnam

Communism

US involvement
in the Vietnam
War centered
around this issue

Domino
Theory

Eisenhower's idea
that if one country
falls to communism
others around it
will also fall

Body Count

Used by
Westmoreland to
discourage the
Vietcong - It didn
not work!

Kent State

Site of a major
protest during the
War - triggered by
US invasion of
Cambodia

Ho Chi Minh Trail

Vietcong supply
route running
through Cambodia
and Laos

Pentagon Papers

Leaked from the
Justice Dept.
exposing Johnson's
true plans concerning
the Vietnam War

McNamara

Johnson's Secretary of Defense - at first supported a military build up in Vietnam but then changed his mind

Geneva Accords

Agreement ending the conflict between Vietnam and France

Ngo Dinh Diem

Ruler of South Vietnam at the start of the Vietnam War. The US supported him

Ho Chi Ming

Communist leader of North Vietnam

Doves

People
against the
Vietnam War

Hawks

People wanting
increasing
military
involvement

Television

Portrayed the
graphic images of
the war - caused
declining US
support of the war

Henry Kissinger

National Security
Advisor - helped to
negotiate the US
exit from the
Vietnam War